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SUBJECT : TRANSPORT STRIKES : MERCHANT MARINERS AND AIR FRANCE
NAVIGATOR/ENGINEERS

1. TWO STRIKES IN FRENCH TRANSPORT INDUSTRY ARE SCHEDULED TO
BEGIN THIS WEEK.

2. SIX HUNDRED AIR FRANCE FLIGHT ENGINEERS/NAVIGATORS HAVE
CALLED FIVE DAY STRIKE FROM 0001 HOURS DECEMBER 20 TO 0001 HOURS
DECEMBER 25 TO PROTEST REMOVAL OF RELIEF FLIGHT ENGINEERS/NAVIGATORS
FROM BOEING 747 FLIGHTS OF MORE THAN 10 HOURS. AIR FRANCE MANAGE-
MENT JUSTIFIES ELIMINATION RELIEF POSITION ON BASIS THAT IT
CONFORMS TO 747 CREW COMPOSITION OTHER INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS.
AIR FRANCE SPOKESMEN SAY FLIGHTS WILL OPERATE NORMALLY DURING FIRST
TWO DAYS OF STRIKE BUT THAT SERVICE THEREAFTER MIGHT BE AFFECTED
IF STRIKE CONTINUES.

3. STRIKE OF SOME 30.000 MERCHANT MARINERS AND OFFICERS IS
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SCHEDULED TO BEGIN 1200 HOURS DECEMBER 19, TO CONTINUE UNTIL
PARLIAMENT ABANDONS DISCUSSION OF PROJECTED CHANGE IN MARITIME

LABOR LAW. WHICH WOULD PERMIT EMPLOYMENT OF NON-FRENCH EEC NATIONALS
ON FRENCH VESSELS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF EEC TREATY PROVISIONS ON
FREE MIGRATION OF LABOR.

4. COMMENT . THIS IS THE THIRD STRIKE PROTESTING AMENDMENT OF
MARITIME LABOR LAW, FISRST TWO OCCURRED IN DECEMBER 1972.
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